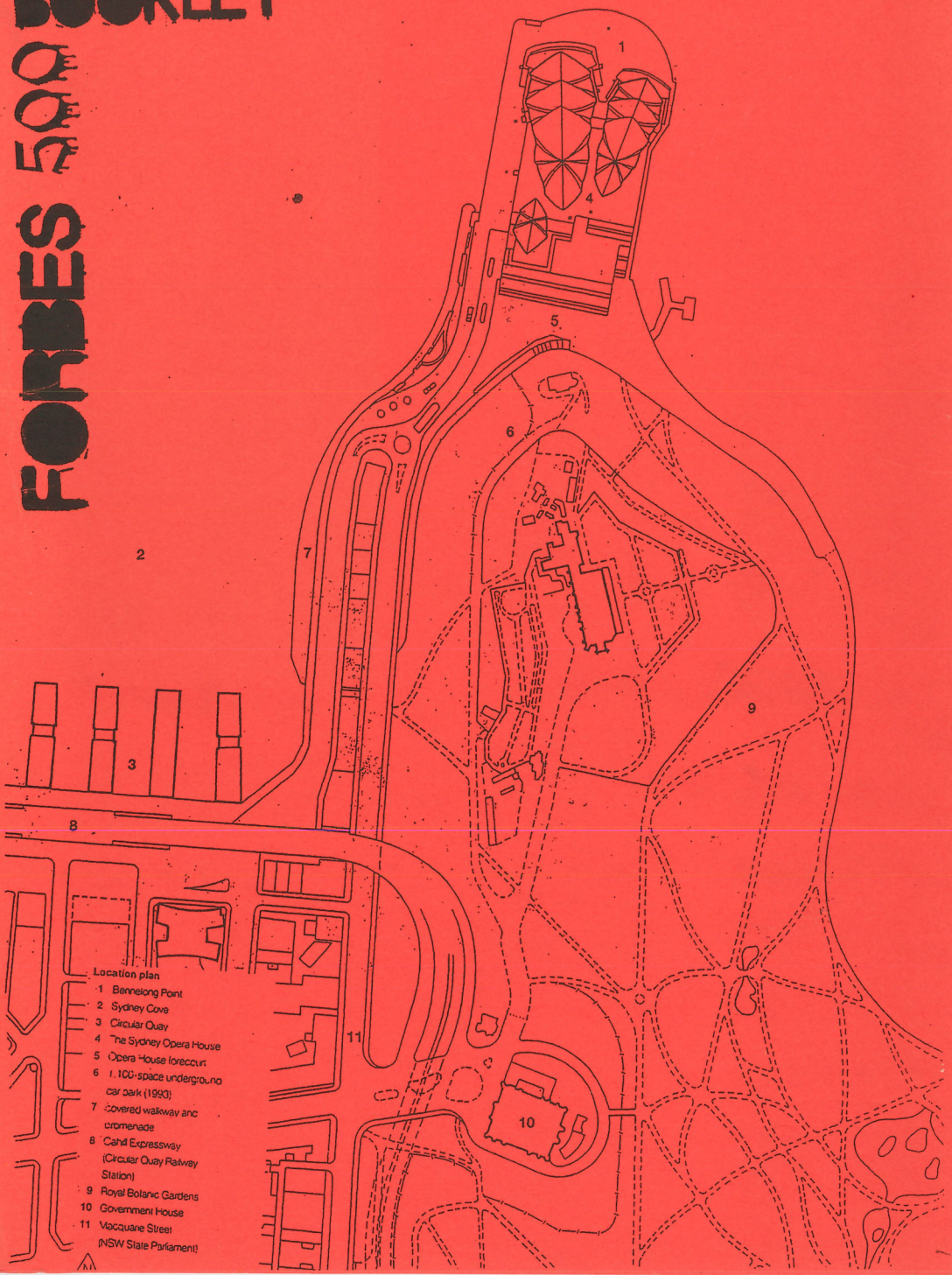
CONVERGENCE BOOKLET

FORBES 500



SYDNEY IS EORA COUNTRY

always was, always will be

Aboriginal Land

We acknowledge with respect the Eora people who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Sydney area. We acknowledge that this is stolen land, and we support the struggle to reclaim it.

The traditional owners of the Sydney City region are the Cadigal band. Their land south of Port Jackson stretches from South Head to Petersham.The "Eora people" was the name given to the coastal Aborigines around Sydney.The word Eora simply means "here" or "from this place". Local Aboriginal people used the word to describe to the British where they came from and so the word was then used to define the Aboriginal people themselves. The name Eora is proudly used today by the descendants of those very same people. Central Sydney is therefore often referred to as "Eora Country".

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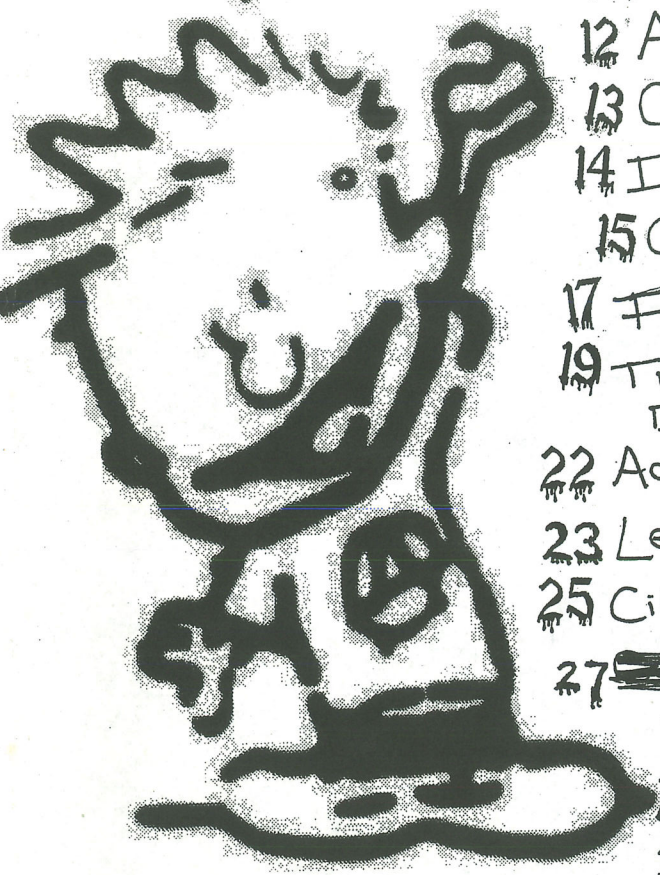

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Hey and welcome to sunny Sydney.

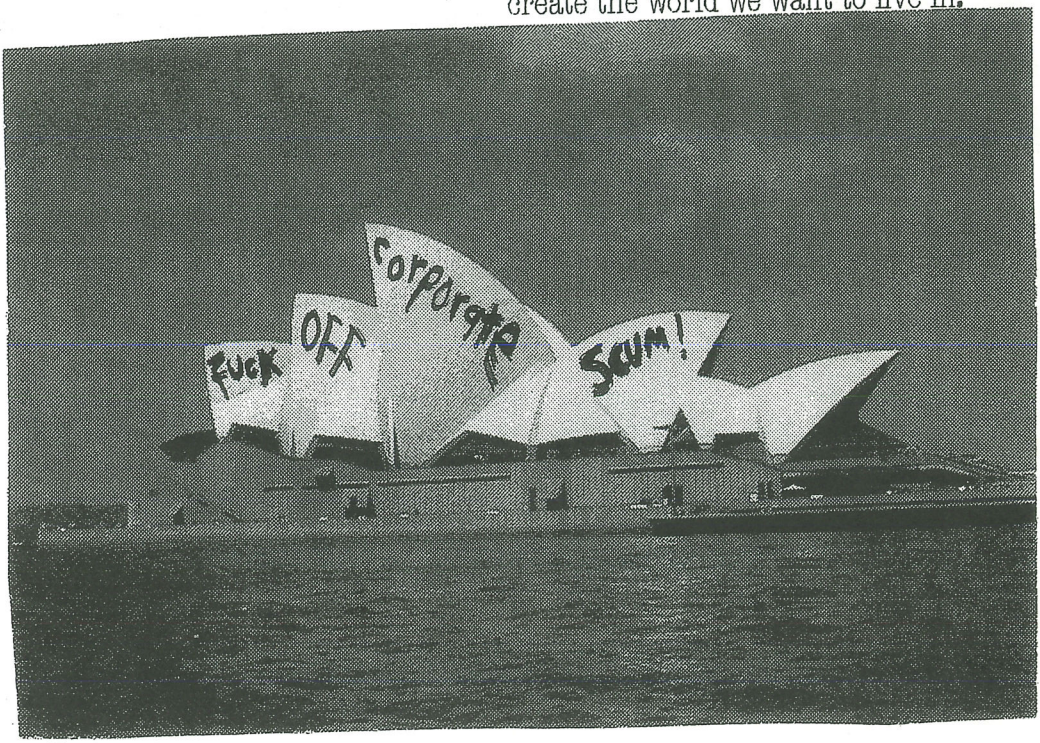
This is a little guide made by the FAF collective, an alternative tourist map filled with all the important things... ideas for billboards, the best dumpsters, how to get about on a bike, where to get supplies, where to photocopy, where the food co-ops are and where to go for vegan nibblies.

Much of this info is lovingly borrowed from other excellent activists, in vagrant opposition to intellectual property, and to get over the culture of wasting activist time remaking resources we already have.

We hope it'll give you some good ideas for action against the Forbes 500 conference, where over 500 of the richest CEO's of the most devastating multinationals are meeting to discuss how to further implement the social and economic policies which are fucking over the majority of the world's population and our environment.

Have fun, take care of yourself and others.

Working together we can overcome the forces which dominate us and create the world we want to live in.



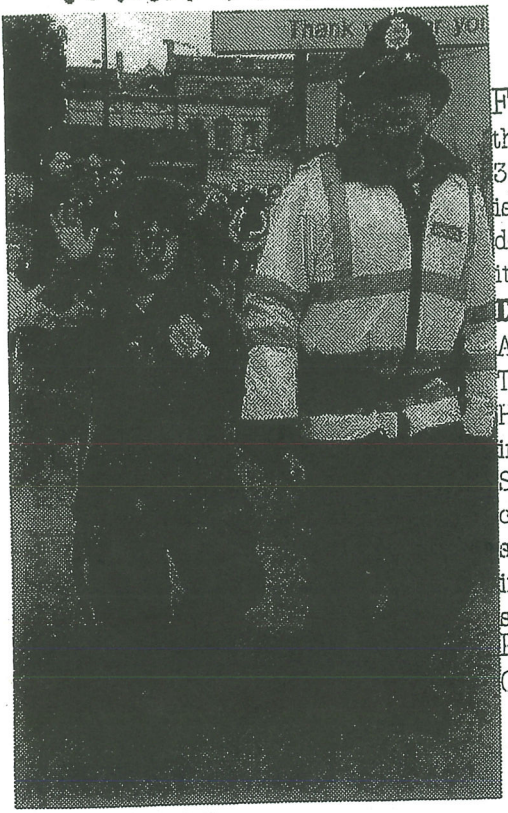
Why Protest Forbes Global CEO Conference?

The people attending the Forbes Global CEO conference are the puppet masters behind our government. They arguably have more control over what happens in the world than individual governments or global institutions like the WTO or IMF. They are the nameless faceless people who operate behind closed doors and who make decisions to exploit people and planet. Their interests shape the millions of rules that govern and bore us. These people push for free trade agreements. The decide on the decimation of indigenous land and peoples. They are the ones that decide to sue governments for impeding their profit making if those governments give in to peoples demands for life, food and water. The corporations they direct do more environmental damage every hour than an individual can do in a lifetime. They attempt to harness and reduce our creativity, hopes and dreams to tools for profit making against the needs and desires of our communities. And these people are gathering to talk about their vision for our world!

They represent a tiny minority, with a massively disproportionate degree of control over our lives and planet. Organising action against their conference challenges the legitimacy of their damaging vision and the logic of their control. More than this, when we organise protest action against them we are not just arguing against the corporate vision for our world but are creating, living and dreaming our own new and possible worlds. We do not do this alone. When we are protesting the Forbes Global CEO conference we join with millons of other people around the world who work, strive and dream every day for the many other worlds we KNOW are possible.

WE ARE EVERYWHERE.

What could the Forbes protest look like??



Forbes is a 3 day convergence at the Sydney Opera House beginning Tues 30/8, continuing til Thurs 1/9. The protest is organised in a non-heirachical, de-centralised manner, allowing you to make it what you want it to be.

Dance, sing, reclaim the streets.

Act in the best way to voice your dissent. The police have prohibited use of the Opera House forecourt, where the action was initially planned to happen.

So, much of action will be happening as close to the house as we can get, on the streets,in the water. Other actions will occur in the city, in the hotels where delegates are staying and in their Sydney company offices.

Photo: Guido
G8, Gleneagles, 2005

Spokescouncil Model Of Organisation

A spokescouncil is the larger planning structure used in the affinity group model to coordinate a mass action (more info on affinity groups on opp. page)

Each affinity group empowers a representative, called a "spoke", to go to a spokescouncil meeting where important decisions are made. For instance, if affinity groups need to decide on a legal/jail strategy, possible tactical issues, meeting places, and many other logistics., these would be discussed at the spokescouncil. A spokescouncil does not take away an individual affinity group's autonomy within an action; affinity groups make there own decisions about what they want to do on the streets. Direct democracy is an essential component to the spokescouncil meetings. All decisions in spokescouncils are made by consensus, so that all affinity groups have agreed and are committed to the mass direct action.

THE FIRST FORBES SPOKESCOUNCIL IS SUNDAY 28TH FROM 7PM AT STUCCO

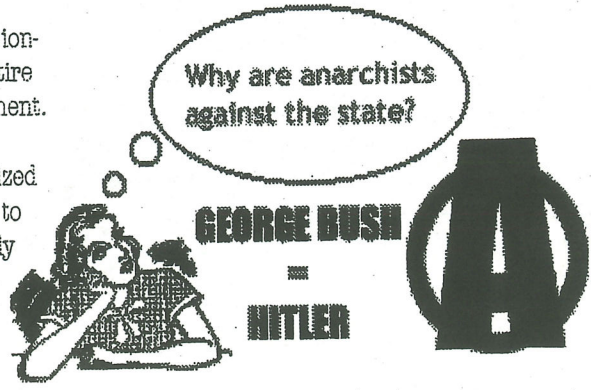
AFFINITY GROUPS

An affinity group is a group of round 3 and 15 people. Such a group can be formed for a specific action then disbanded - or can try and meet regularly - for evaluation, planning, action and support. Affinity groups form the basic decision-making bodies of mass actions. As long as they remain within the nonviolence guidelines, affinity groups are generally encouraged to develop any form of participation they choose. Affinity groups are often formed due to a shared vision for change, similar political goals, and similar ideas on how to achieve those. By working in, consensus based small groups, all members are able to participate in planning, decision making carrying out decisions, avoiding relying on strong, charismatic leaders and making people less prone to being manipulated by self -styled leaders. Because affinity groups are self -governing and fully responsible they use the energy of all participants rather than relying on the drive of a small group of leaders who may burn out quickly.

Why Affinity Groups? Affinity groups provide support and solidarity to their members. Being part of an affinity group strengthens our ability to take direct action - to act directly on a situation without recourse to a representative. Feelings of being isolated or alienated from the movement, the crowd, or the world in general can be alleviated through the familiarity and trust which develops when an affinity group works and acts together. By generating this familiarity, the affinity group structure reduces the possibility of infiltration by outside provocateurs. However, participants in an action should be prepared to be separated from their affinity group.

How To? Every affinity group must decide for itself how it will make decisions and what it wants to do. This process starts when an affinity group forms.It is a good idea to meet with your affinity group a few times before an action to get to know them, if you are not already friends, and to discuss what your group believes in and what they plan to do. Issues such as noncooperation and relationship to the legal system, the role your group will play (in a large action), etc. After an action, it is also helpful to meet with your group to evaluate and share experiences.There are a whole host of possible roles within the group- these could include contact person, vibes-watcher, spokesperson, media, support, legal. It's also important to flesh out who is and isn't prepared to get arrested.

Decision making processes are essential, it's especially necessary to have these in place to make snappy decisions in protest situ
Consensus is a process for group decision-making. It is a method by which an entire group of people can come to an agreement. The input and ideas of all participants are gathered and synthesized to arrive at a final decision acceptable to all. Through consensus, we are not only working to achieve better solutions, but also to promote the growth of community and trust.



making it a Safe Revolution

You are much more valuable when you are alive and healthy. Don't take unnecessary risks. Take care of yourself-the world will need you again.

Don't get caught by yourself. Move in packs.

If you're an individual, hang out with another group, introduce yourself, meet new people. Much better is to go with a buddy, or an affinity group**see page blah**. Even when dispersed, move in groups. one of the major motiveves behind dispersal is to create a panicked run where the police have the opportunity to pick off individuals. let's all take care of each other and support each other when we're in trouble. Don't panick, don't leave others alone to be arrested and at the mercy of the police.

Health Risks

This depends on the situation you end up in. Police and military have a term for the sliding scale of responses, equipment and tactics they employ at various levels of protest, this is called a force continuum (basically it means, the more "serious" a protest situation becomes, the more acceptable it becomes to use harsher methods of control)

Health risks include but are not limited to: dehydration, sunburn, cold, violence in the crowd. To deal with this see the check list **see page blah** the basics are water, food, protective clothing, hat/sunnies (no oil based moisturisers or suncreams), change of clothes and any medication currently on prescription.

Horsies

Mounted police are frequently used to manage large, massed gatherings because they enable cops to block and intimidate people.

How do I protect myself? Firstly, don't panick. Stay calm, breathe deeply and you will be able to cope with the situation much more effectively. Wear head and body protection, such as stack hats, a beanie, goggles forearm pads, gloves, backpacks, heavy pants and jacket, boots etc.) Stay as a loose group not a tightly packed mass, and move/flow around horse formations.

Help those who are down? People who are knocked down are in danger of being trampled. Try and grab someone and pull them up before they hit the ground, the quicker the group can get them up, the less chance of injury.

If you go down? GET UP! ASAP. If you can't, curl up into a foetal ball on your side and cover your ears with your fists. Turn your eyes and nose to the ground. Keep your eyes open and shout out for help from friends. Your ribs, pelvis and spine are stronger sideways. Maintain the thinnest possible profile, and the horses have less chance of stepping on you.

Do not hit the horse they are well trained, but they may still lash out. If you feel confident with horses, you may be able to take the horses harness and lead them away. It's also been proven possible to free a horse from the animal on top of it by lifting one leg and pushing them off.

Direct action is a method and a theory of stopping objectionable practices or creating **more favorable conditions right here, right now**. Direct action may include strikes, boycotts, workplace occupations, sit-ins, intimidation, and less oppositional methods such as establishing radical social centres, (though these are often squatted). Direct actions are often (but not always) a form of civil disobedience, and may be illegal. Those employing direct action aim to either:

–obstruct another agent or organization from performing some practice they object to (like the world's 500 biggest CEO's meeting in the opera house)

–act in order to solve problems or create tangible visions.

This method and theory is **direct** in that it **seeks immediate remedy** to the ills of the world, as opposed to indirect tactics such as electing representatives who promise to provide remedy at some random later date.

Direct Action Training is highly, recommended for both newbies to direct action, and those with a bit of experience. Training will be provided on the Saturday and Monday of Subplot.

DOCTORS/HOSPITALS/MED CENTRES

Sydney Hospital, Macquarie St, City, 02-9382 7111
royal prince alfred hoapital, Missenden Rd, Camperdown, 02-9515 6111
rpah medical centre, 100 Carillon Ave, Newtwn
St Vincent's Hospital, VictoriaSt (cnrBurtonSt) Darlinghurst, 02-8382 1111
Sydney Sexual Health Clinic, Level 3 Sydney Hospital, 02-93827440
Oxford Square Medical Centre cnr Oxfod/Riley St, Darlinghurst 02-93616151

QUEER

gay and lesbian counselling service 02-85949596
gender centre 02-95692366
gay and lesbian anti-violence project 02-92062116

INDIG

aboriginal medical service, redfern 02-93195823
aboriginal legal service 02-93182122

WOMYN'S

women's and girls emergency centre 93605388
Women's Medical Centre, Level 2, 193 Macquarie St, 02-92312366

SEXUAL ASSAULT

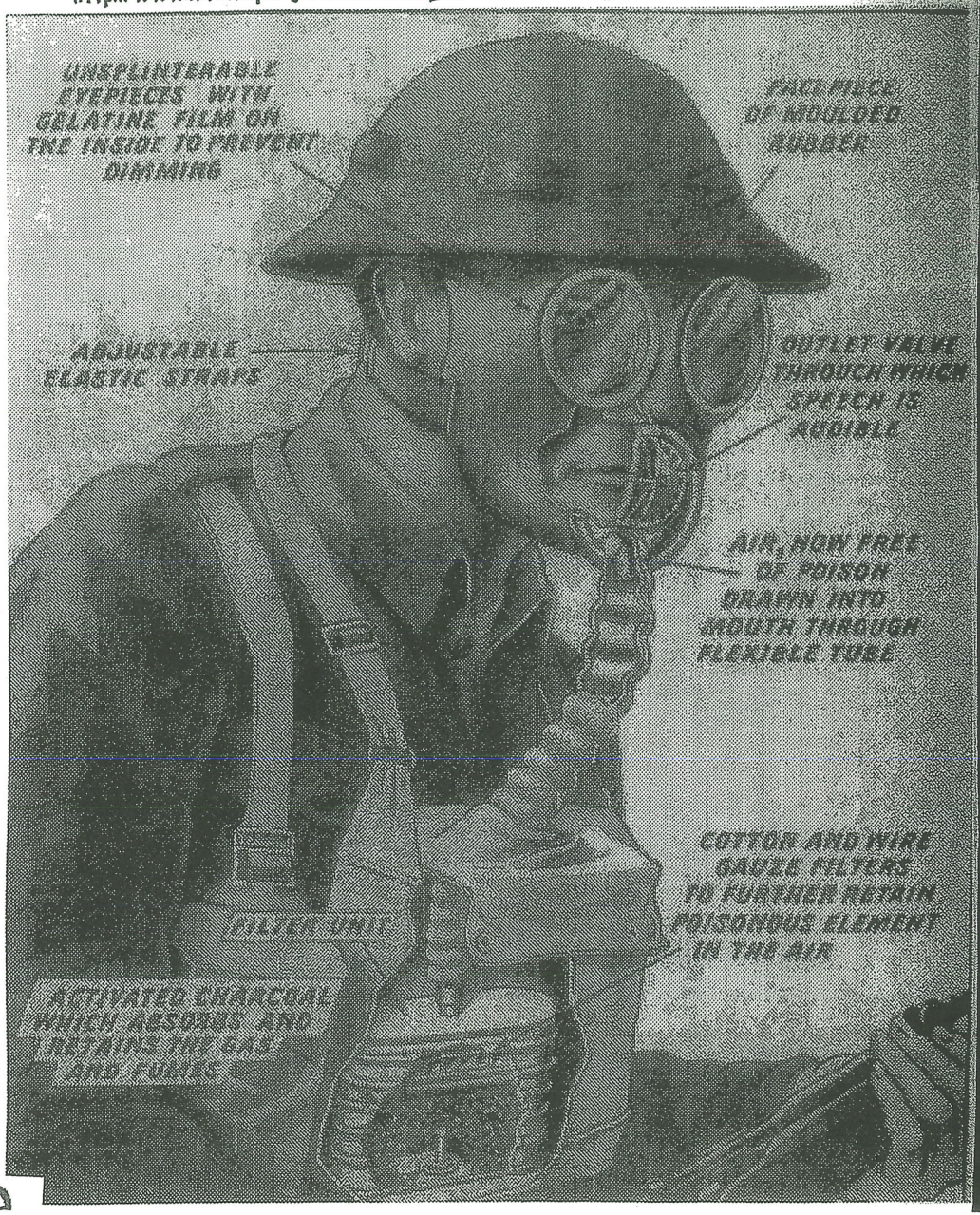
rape crisis centre 1800424017/02-98196565
sexual assault clinic 24 hour service 02-94387580/ 02-93391111

ACTION FASHION

The following is taken almost word for word from the Anarchist Anti-WTO Survival Kit Guide for Seattle and elsewhere

http://www.infoshop.org/octo/survival_kit

Don't forget to sleep, eat and drink lots of water.
Take care of yourself!
If you are grounded, well-rested, fed and watered you'll have much more fun in the action.
Be prepared.
Dress appropriately (this is not a fashion parade)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ADJUSTABLE ELASTIC STRAPS
OUTLET VALVE THROUGH WHICH SPEECH IS AUDIBLE
AIR, NOW FREE OF POISON DRAWN INTO MOUTH THROUGH FLEXIBLE TUBE
COTTON AND WIRE GAUZE FILTERS TO FURTHER RETAIN POISONOUS ELEMENT IN THE AIR
FILTER UNIT
ACTIVATED CHARCOAL WHICH ABSORBS AND RETAINS THE GAS

CLOTHING- should be protective and durable, light weight (to allow for great mobility), and tight fitting while covering the entire body (to protect from tear gas, pepper spray and sun). Think creatively. Make your clothing a costume, make it a political statement. Make it protective, wear creative shields to protect you.

Protective Shoes- think comfy, something you can run in.

Accessorise- to protect yourself from sun/rain. Bring a pair of big goofy goggles or a gas mask to use in case of capsicum spray, and a bandana soaked in vinegar.
Fresh clothing in a plastic bag to be super prepared in case yours get contaminated.

WHAT TO BRING

Lots of water- plastic bottles with squirt top are good to drink and to wash off your skin/eyes if necessary.

Food- energy snacks for you and to share.

A little cash- incl. change to pay phone/food/transport

Basic 1st Aid stuff (refer to the next pages in the booklet for details)

Whistle/Noisemakers

All purpose tool- bottle/can opener, screwdriver, awl/cork screw, tweezers

Pen and note paper

Prescription Drugs- your inhaler, insulin and any mediacation you require

Communication Equipment- Bring witnessing equipment, portable radios, communication devices, etc.

Menstrual Pads,if needed- avoid using tampons. If you're arrested you may not have a chance to change it (tampons left in more than 6 hours increase your risk of developing toxic shock syndrome)

Legal contact no.

Try to leave pets at home.

ACTION FASHION FAUX PAS

Don't put vaseline, mineral oil, oil-based sunscreen or moisturisers on skin as they can trap chemicals.

Don't wear contact lenses as they can trap irritating chemicals underneath.

Don't wear dangly things that can easily be grapped eg. earrings, loose hair, jewellery.

Facial piercings make great targets for shift pressure points, so leave them at home.

Don't go to the demo alone if you can help it. Make a buddy who you keep an eye on and vice versa. Try and form an affinity group with likeminded people (for more details see the section on affinity groups on page)

Capsicum Spray/Pepper Spray

The first thing to remember about exposure to this is that it is not the worst thing that could happen to you. If you are careful and smart, you should survive it with little problem.The second thing to remember is that the pain is only temporary, and we are extremely strong. Pepper spray popular with authorities as an agent of control because of its immediate pain-causing qualities. It is hard to remove from the skin and has the capacity to cause first degree burns.

If you are exposed to pepper spray, you may experience stinging, burning in your eyes, nose, mouth and skin, excessive tearing, causing your vision to blur, disorientation, confusion and sometimes panic.

Some people report feeling intense anger. This can be useful if you are prepared and able to focus it towards recovery and returning to the action.

The good news is that the effects are temporary. The worst pepper spray discomfort may take 20 minutes to 2 hours to subside. The effects diminish sooner with treatment.Coz pepper spray penetrates to the nerve endings, its effects may last for hours after removal from the skin.

If you get sprayed, try to calm down, and let someone know as soon as possible. Blow your nose, rinse your mouth, cough and spit. Try not to swallow. I. DO NOT RUB IT IN. If you wear contacts, remove the lenses or get someone to remove them for you, with CLEAN, uncontaminated fingers. Destroy the lenses after exposure, they are not cleanable.Take time out and flush your eyes out with fresh water by kneeling with your head back and tilted to one side. Maintain a steady flow of water: squirt bottles are excellent for this purpose. Beware, pepper spray stays on your clothes, so don't rub them on your skin, and maybe have a spare jumper handy.

For people with health conditions: For most people, the effects of tear gas and pepper spray are temporary. However, for some people the effects can be long-lasting and life-threatening. People with the conditions listed below should be aware of these risks and may want to try and avoid exposure

>>Folks with respiratory diseases, such as asthma, emphysema, etc. risk exacerbation, permanent damage if exposed.

>>Vulnerable people such as infants, the elderly, and the immune compromised, risk intensified and possibly life-threatening responses.

>>Anyone with chronic health conditions or those on medications that weaken the immune system, risk exacerbation of illness, intensified response and possible delayed recovery.

>>Women who are or could be pregnant.

>>Folks with skin and eye conditions risk an intensified response.

for more info see www.blackorosscollective.org

some conduct capable of causing "injury" (which can be purely economic harm)

ACTIVIST SPACES

If you're lookin for a space to get some work done, there are a few scattered about
UTS Students' Association, Level 3 UTS Tower Building, Broadway
Sydney Uni SRC, City Rd
Kerry Nettle's Office 111-117 Devonshire St
Jura Books 440 open Fri 2 - 7pm, Sat 10am - 4pm, Sun 2 - 5 pm
440 Parramatta Rd, Petersham.

Sydney Social Forum 28th-29th August. Join with hundreds of local community activists, trade unionists, environmentalists, thinkers, artists, concerned citizens and international speakers for three days of open space workshop discussion, debate, strategising, info and skill sharing and inspiration at the 4th SSF.
Petersham West Tafe, 14 West Street, Petersham.
Only 200m from Lewisham train station, and 300m from Petersham station. Or catch a bus to Paramatta Rd and walk up the hill.
Subplot 28th-30th August. A convergence of anarchist ideas and action
Sat 28th as part of the Sydney Social Forum (see above)
Sun/29th-Mon/30th, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (opp. Newtown Train station)

Convergence +
Chill out Space If you are feeling tired, bored, confused, hurt, angry, sad or overwhelmed, this is the perfect place for you. Come in for chAi, to chill out, relax, get some food, tea, or maybe a massage. (if you want to offer those sorts of services, drop by too The chill out space is at the **Nunnery**. Ask around for directions.

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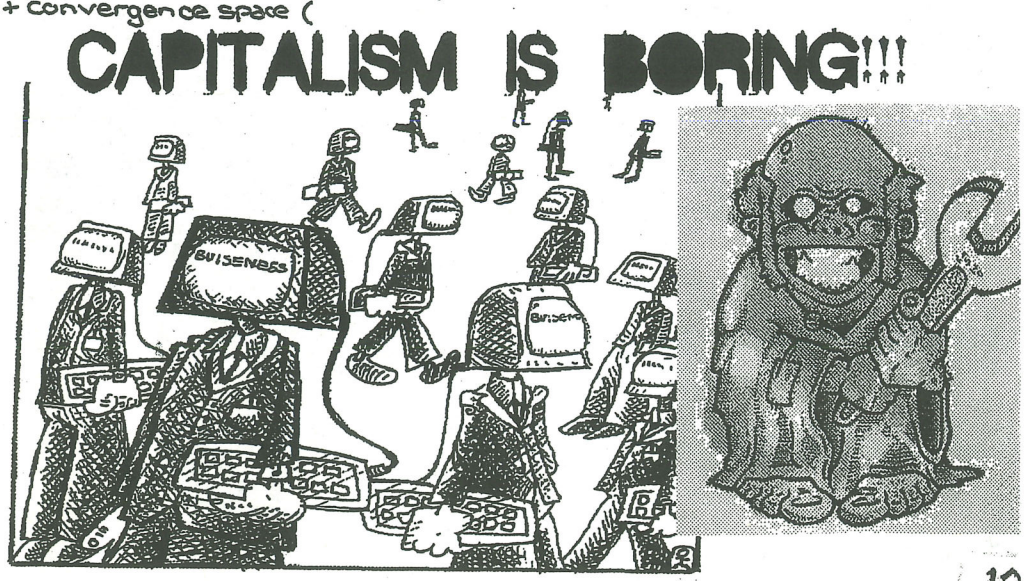


Creative Space

Stucco (student housing on wilson st, newtown) has become a hive of creative activity for Forbes. Come here to make puppets, stencils, plackards etc.
Stucco is located at 197 Wilson St, Newtown. Press the buzzers to get in.

Supplies

If you need supplies to help you make things, here are a few places to go.

Reverse Garbage and the Bower Reverse Garbage is a haven of recycled raw materials at dirt cheap prices: fabric, foam, stationary, barrels, everything you could possibly imagine. The Bower has furniture, bike parts, cutlery, books... that sorta thing. Both are at 142 Addison Road, Marrickville. RG's is open 9-5 mon-sat, 10-4sun.
The Bower 12-5.30 mon-sat, 10-2 sun.

Hardware

Quartly's Hardware, 246 King St Newtown 2042
Metropolitan Hardware, 249 Glebe Point Rd Glebe
Hardware One, 374 Pitt St Sydney
Carroll's Hardware, 255 -259 Oxford St, Darlinghurst and 161 -165 William St Kings Cross

Centrelink Offices

137 -153 Crown St Darlinghurst 2010
373 Illawarra Rd Marrickville 2204
140 Redfern St (cnr George St)
23 Balmain Rd Leichhardt

Indymedia

Indymedia is a grassroots online media web site allowing you to easily publish your stories directly to the world, bypassing mainstream media. Indymedia are dedicated to providing the space to report on Forbes the way we want to see it.
So get on the net and check out

www.sydney.indymedia.org/
and click on the links to submit a story
check out links to indymedia in melbs and other cities

create your own media, create your own culture

A Note on Conventional Media

It's advisable to use a pinch of caution when dealing with the mainstream media. In the past they have been unsympatheetic to our cause, and there is no reason to believe that might change at Forbes.
There is plenty of alternative media available to us so DIY. Spread the news you want to be heard.

If you do find yourself dealing with mainstream media... here

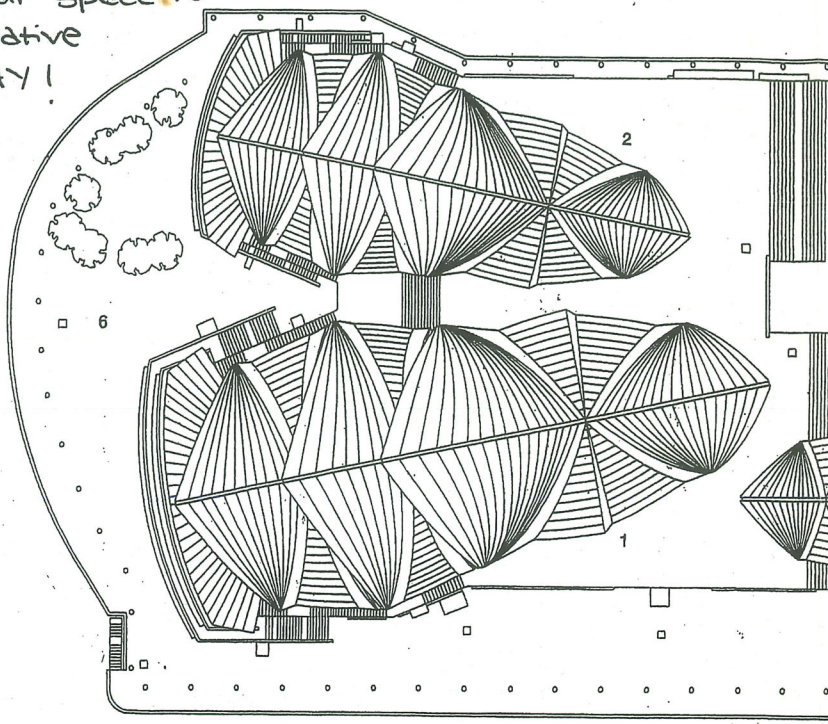
are some basics. You can refuse an interview. Just say no comment.
(the same phrase works well with the cops)
If you do choose to be interviewed, you can take some time to prepare. Ask what their questions will be and collect your thoughts around them. Remember that the protest consists of a diverse group of individuals. You can't speak on everybody's behalf- so don't try to!
Take note of the journalist's name and media organisation. This will give you more credibility and make it (slightly) less likely that they will take you out of context.
Beware that the media will be focusing on Forbes, most probably in a way we won't wish for. They may ask you leading questions to do with violence and confrontation for example. The trick is not to get drawn into talking about something other than the reason you are there.
Try to quickly flip your answer to talk about what you want to talk about. "i think the police are being very aggressive" "Protesters have a right to be here" etc. etc. It helps if you know already what you want to get across, and maybe have a few key phrases worked out. They usually use short grabs, so think of a succinct way to get your point across.

Colour in ... Draw your v guess the location

Forbes Fun page

write your own message on the opera house...

Your space to be creative + PLAY!



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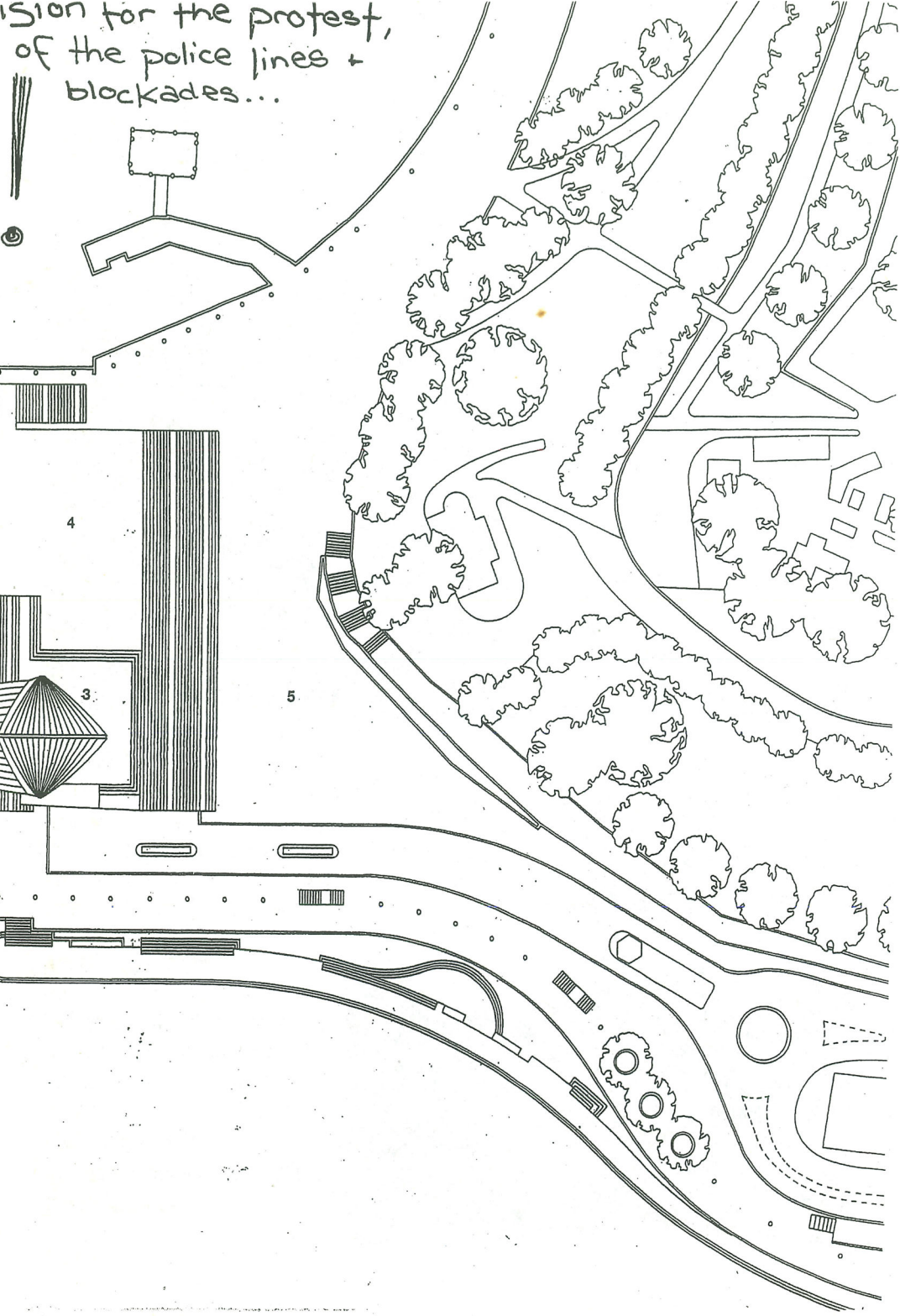
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of the police lines +
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Food Supplies

if you're already a member of a food co-op, you'll get a 10%discount in any aussie food co-operative. some in sydney are:
alfalfa house, 113 Enmore Rd, Enmore
unws food co-op, Roundhouse, UNSW
uts food co-op, in the dungeeons of uts (so just ask security)
usyd food co-op, upstairs, Sydney Uni SRC building, City Rd

for a conventional supermarket try (stealing from)

broadway shopping centre, where city rd meets broadway

iga newtown, 259 King St, Newtown

woolworths, Town Hall, cnr George St and Park Sts

iga Paddington, 364 -366 Oxford St

surry hills shopping village, cnr Cleveland and Crown Sts (great dumpsters)

marrickville metro, 34 Victoria Rd enmore (also great dumpsters)

Food Not Bombs

The FNB crew will be around at Forbes, providing nutritious cheap food close to the action. So keep your eyes peeled and ask around. There will also be meals every evening at the Nunnery Chill Out Space.

Dumpster Diving

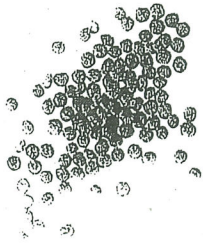
The above mentioned supermarkets have excellent and very free dumpsters out the back. The food is still edible, and is gonna be wasted if you don't save it from landfill. **So let's fuck this throw out culture and go dumpstering!**

VEGIE/VEGAN-FRIENDLY CAFES/RESTAURANTS

Sydney and City area

Bodhi Café (mon sun 7am 9pm) Shop 8 Central Station. Eddy Ave, Sydney, 9281616 2.

Bodhi in the Park (mon sun 11am 4pm) Cook and Phillip Park. Cnr William and Collge Sts, Sydney. 93602523. Vegan Thai and Chinese Style



Mother Chu s Vegetarian Kitchen (mon sat noon 3pm 5 10pm) 367 Pitt St, Sydney. 93822826. Respected Vegan diner

Sydney Pitt St Vegetarian Rest (mon sat. 11am 10pm Sun 11am 4.30pm) 359 Pitt St, 92833398. vegan+vegie Asian style

Zenergy Vegetarian foods (mon fri 7.30am 4.30pm) 359 Pitt St, Syd. 92647606. euro style

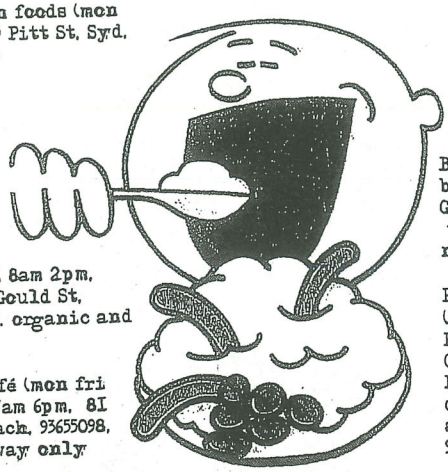
Veg Thai Cafe (lunch noon 3pm, dinner 6 11pm). 233 Oxford St. Darlinghurst, 93606567, vegan friendly.

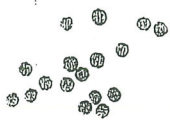
Laurie s Veg Bondi (mon sun midday 10pm), 286 Bondi Rd Bondi, 93650134, 70% vegan, 30%veg+ organic coffee

Macro s Wholefoods Organic Café, seven days, 31 35 Oxford St, Bondi Junction, 938976 11, veg and organic

Maya Masala, (mon sun 10am 10.30pm), 470 Cleveland St, Surry Hills, 96998663, North and South Indian style.

Vegal Kitchen (mon sat. 4.30pm 10pm), 73 Frenchman s Rd, Randwick, 93984406, Chinese vegan





Eastern Suburbs

Bamboo Café (wed fri 8am 2pm, sat sun, 8am 4pm) 45 Gould St, Bondi Beach. 93657599. organic and vegan

Earth Food Store/Café (mon fri 7am 6.30pm, sat sun 7am 6pm. 81 Gould St , Bondi Beach, 93655098, organic and take away only

Govinda s Rest and Cinema (mon sun 6pm 10pm) 1st floor 112 Darlinghurst Rd, Darlinghurst, 93805162, veg. cinema booking essential.

House of Soy (wed mon 11am 6.30pm) 294B Campbell Parade, North Bondi, 93000033, organic soy based burgers

Iku Wholefoods (mon sun 10am 9pm, 62 Oxford St, Darlinghurst, 93809780, organic and veg.

Iku wholefood (mon sat 11am 8pm) 279 Bronte Rd, 93695022, organic and veg

Badde Manors Café, daily breakfast lunch and dinner, 37 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe, 96603797, trendy house coffee and late night hang

Emma s on liberty veg cuisine (tues sat from 6pm), 59 Liberty St, Enmore, 95503458, Lebanese veg 14. Café at the Pool (Victoria park Pool) Breakfast and Lunch seven days 7.30pm 5pm, Cnr Parramatta and city Rds, Victoria Park, 9604181, vegan and veg

Green Gourmet (daily 11.30am 2.30pm, 5.30pm 9.30pm (buffet nightly)), 115 117 King St, Newtown, 95195330, Vegan Chinese. No onion or garlic

(and next door for vegan ice cream).

Hari Krisha food for life (mon sat 12.30 6.30pm Sun 6 7pm, 1st floor 329 King St, Newtown, 95506424, cheap and cheerful

Harvest Veg Rest (sun thurs, 6 9.30pm fri sat, 6 10.30pm), 71 Evans St, Rozelle upmarket service and atmosphere.

* Thanks to Queerruption For this Page *

TransPoRt

Sydney public Transport is a tad complex. FAF collective suggest riding bikes or walking (though bike paths are limited, and traffic can be hectic)

Sydney transport is a cmoplex network of buses, trains and ferries.

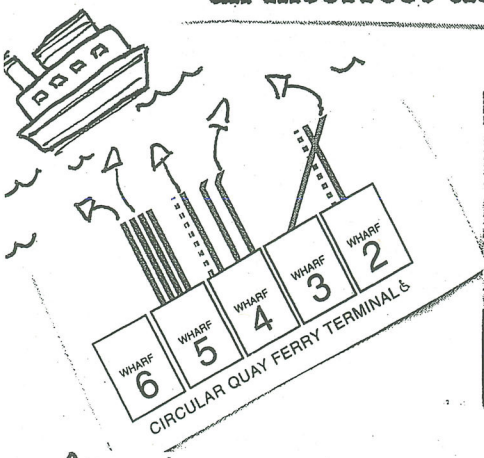
Bus Bus tickets are available from the driver, be nice to them, even if they're (and they generally are) nasty to you. Sydney bus drivers have one of the higest suicide rates of any workers in Australia. Bus travel is cheaper if you buy a

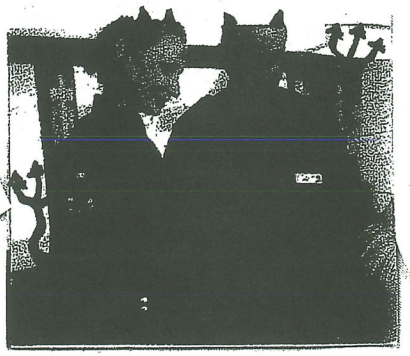
'travelten' ticket, available from most newsagents. Each travelten is valid for 10 trips and has no expiry date (though it doesn't work if it gets crumpled or wet).

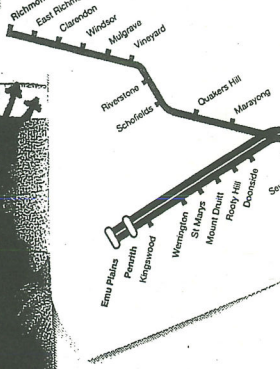
The cost is calculated by the length of the trip. cheapest- blue travelten for short trips, brown travelten for longer ones. For any international visitors- you have to signal the bus, even if you're at a bus stop, and press the red buttons to signal you'd like to get off.

To save cash, try getting a blue one and using it for longer journeys....

but beware the EVIL GREY GUARDS. they are often nasty and regularly prowl Sydney public transport. The fine for having an incorrect ticket is $150







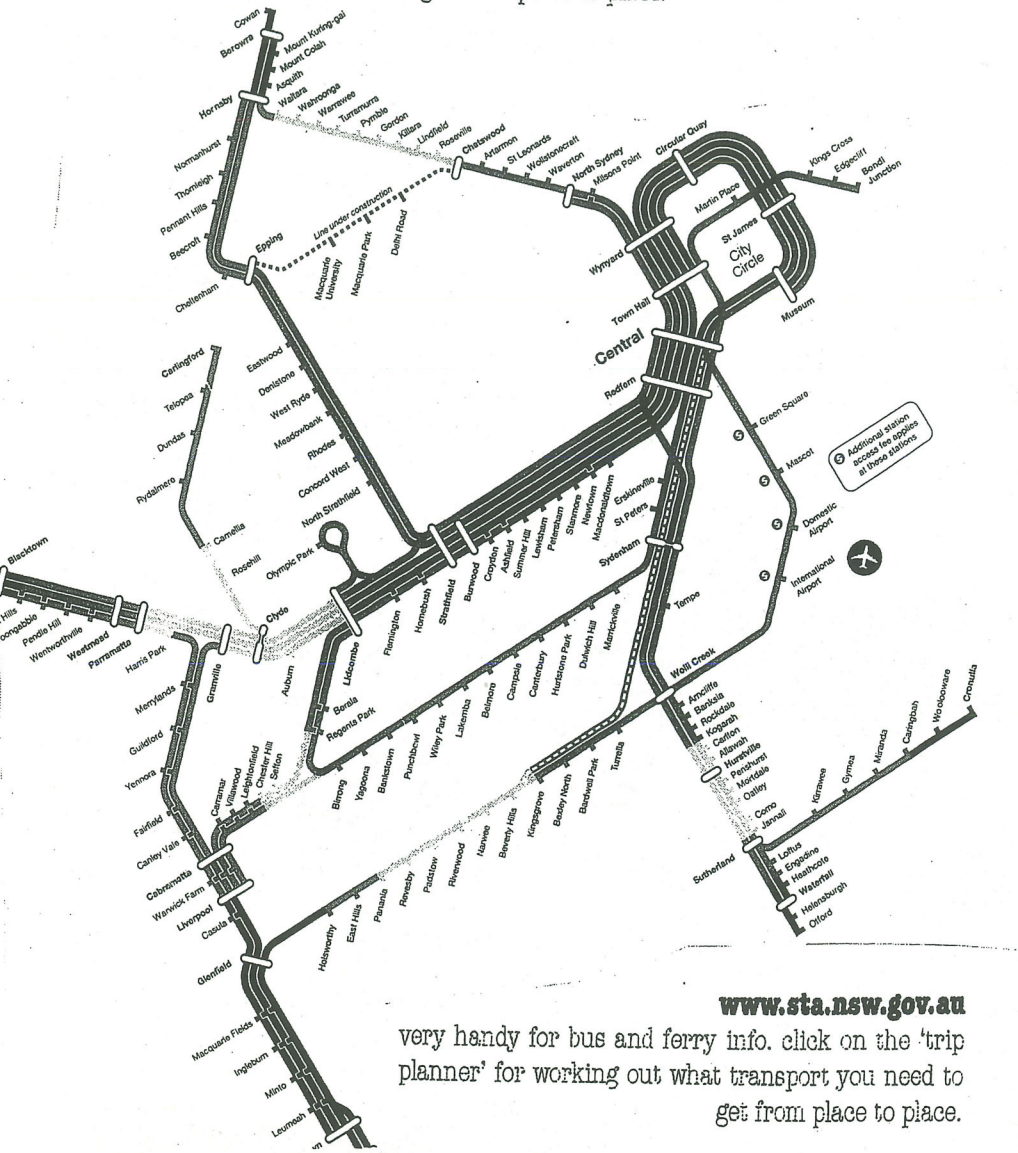
Concessions as far as we know, concessions are only available to students in possession of a NSW concession card. Half fare entitlements may be ok in NSW, but check when you buy your ticket. You can buy concession traveltens for cheaper, and won't have to show a concession card when you purchase.... but once more heed the grey guard warning. they will ask to see your concession card as well as your ticket.

Train tickets, including returns, have to be used the same day (til 5am). Trains run from about 4am til about midnight. In the wee hours, there are nightride buses with do the same routes. Prices are higher during peak times. Bikes are usually free, but must be paid for at peak hour.

There are snazzy machines at most train statons where the ticket can be popped through, and the gates open to enter. It is possible to force these open. or to walk swiftly and get through the opening with the person behind you. many stations don't have electronic gates (eg.newtown) All stations have CCTV.

There are some other tourist type discounts, day tickets and weeklies. for more info see **www.cityrail.info** or call **transport info line 131500**

www.sta.nsw.gov.au very handy for bus and ferry info. click on the 'trip planner' for working out what trans[illegible] need to get from place to place.



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Town Hall
Wentworth Park
Fish Market
Convention
Exhibition Centre
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Aquarium
Darling Harbour
Star City
Pyrmont Bay
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Chippendale
Darlington
Redfern
Newtown
Alexandria
Erskineville
Waterloo
Sydney
Hospital
Uni of Sydney

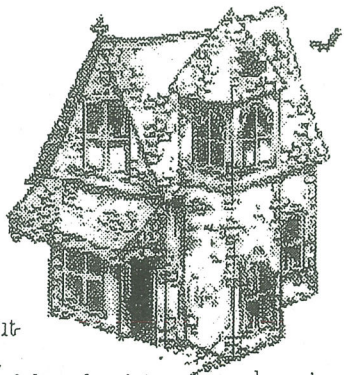
Start by asking around, contacting that long lost aunt. but if all this comes with no success, contact Holly 0417682541 Through her you can hopefully be put up somewhere, or be put in contact with some other folks looking for empty buildings to sleep in (see below).

There is a womyn's sleeping space at the Nunnery and space for people at Stucco.

Contact Holly to see if there are still spaces there.

If all else fails, the Sydney Central YHA is open 24 hours, with beds for $33. Located opp. Central Station, Cnr Pitt St and Rawson Place 02-9218 9000

HAUNTED HOUSE



A note on squatting from The Squatters Handbook

Housing is a basic right for everybody. Houses should not be empty while there are people without homes to live in.

Tenancy with a signed lease doesn't actually provide much more security than squatting, though gives a legal recognition to the occupant. Landowners arbitrarily raise rents and many a tenant knows the possibility of maintenance and repairs from most land owners and estate agents. Real Estate agents discriminate against single parents, young, old, low income earners and anyone who isn't pretty well capable of actually buying a house.

Who owns empties? Governments departments own empty houses, due to mis-management and bureaucratic delays many houses can remain empty for many years. Private developers keep houses empty so that they can make a fast buck, or maintain the 'market rent' by limiting the available housing. Greedy individuals own houses that are left empty because they don't need them to live in.

Finding empty houses is generally pretty easy, an unkempt look, mail oozing out of the mailbox, overgrown garden, power off, broken windows and doors etc. You should always knock on the door before entering or when checking out a house. Sometimes old people are living in their home without electricity in rundown states. Take a closer look inside and out, is there thick dust dust inside? no obvious signs of occupation? You need to know what to bring back to secure the house and fix it up if necesary. It is important to find out who owns the property so you are aware of the owners as the neighbours are and so you'll know who you can speak to, to negotiate if necesary. Only the owner or the agent of the owner (which can, but isn't necesarily the police) can legally evict you or ask you to leave, not the neighbours or the police without direction from the owner. The police may however take it upon themselves to act against people they know to be occupying property without the owners permission, this may be illegal, but by then you're generally out of the house and looking for somewhere else. Find out as much as you can about the house. The land titles office in macquarie st, is another way to find out who owns property. The system there may seem mind-boggling but it provides information on recent transactions and proposed development plans. The staff there are quite helpful and you can't be denied access to the information, though maybe have to pay for more detailed information. Getting in is generally quite easy, often broken windows or doors previously forced by other visitors provide access. During the day on a weekday is the best time to check out houses, less conspicuous and you can see more. It's best to just go for a look first without any tools or anything that might justify a break and enter. It can sometimes take quite sometime for owners to realise that anyone is occupying the house, anything from a few hours to a day to a few weeks even.

Make private space public. For the full squatters guide, see **www.cat.org.au/housing/book**

Legal Preparation:

There are three main areas of legal preparation that are worth exploring in the lead up to any major protest- information, support and solidarity.

Information:

Make sure all legal information is accurate, comprehensive, useful, accessible and up to date. Pre-protest information can include things like booklets, stickers, and legal briefings. The Legal team for Forbes protesting has produced a legal briefing booklet and stickers with numbers to call for legal support. Both of these will be around at the Sydney Social Forum and Subplot and will be handed out at the Tuesday evening protest. They are also running legal briefings on the Monday of Subplot and possibly the Tuesday morning at convergence space.

Support:

Legal support ideally needs to be well planned and effective ie capable of dealing with the level of legal or political repression being faced. For Forbes protesting there are a team of Legal observers who will monitor police activity and attempt to record breaches of our legal rights. To get in contact with them call the numbers listed below. There are also video activists who will be recording the protest in an attempt to force police to moderate and control their behaviour, however it is worth being aware that policed often attempt to remove people with video cameras before they do anything really bad.

Police liaisons are another possible option in our array of protest support. It is important to remember that nominating someone to do this is a choice not a necessity. A group may benefit from nominating their own police liaison to de-escalate situations with police, however, many successful protests have been successful precisely because the police had no idea whatsoever about how to deal with a situation of no leaders/ communicators. Another thing to remember is that people who do police liaison often fall into two distinct categories. Those who take on the role to communicate the collective decisions of the protesters to police and to communicate the information that police supply to protesters, OR those who take on the role and end up trying to control/ manage the protesters actions towards police and tell protesters what the police will 'allow'. So think carefully about who you would wish to play this role, if you are going to have it and remember it is legitimate if someone has taken this second approach to stop them from doing it.

Solidarity:

The last area that may need some preparation before protesting is solidarity. This involves a broad range of behaviours and tactics to take care of each other and support one another in action. In other protests around the world protest solidarity has included things like setting up buddy systems so that no one gets arrested without others noticing, de-arresting squads, agreements and practice and tactics like making noise and protesting outside jail cells/ lockups until people are released, or jail solidarity (see next page) are all art of building our community of action. Think about organising some of these things in affinity groups, doing DA trainings that are on over the next few days and on Tuesday night at the protest and doing a brainstorm of other ways you can act in solidarity with other protesters during and after actions.

Jail Solidarity

Non-cooperation of jail solidarity, means that activistts refuse to co-operate unless authorities agree with their demands. Demands such as everyone getting equal rights in jail, no-one being isolated from their group. as well as appearing before the judge together. If the jail system is full because no-one is accepting bail, it can force the police to negotiate over conditionss and prevent the scapegoating of individuals.

As with everythin, jail solidarity is not for everyone. However **our strength in jail comes from our solidarity.**

Legal Centres (Community)

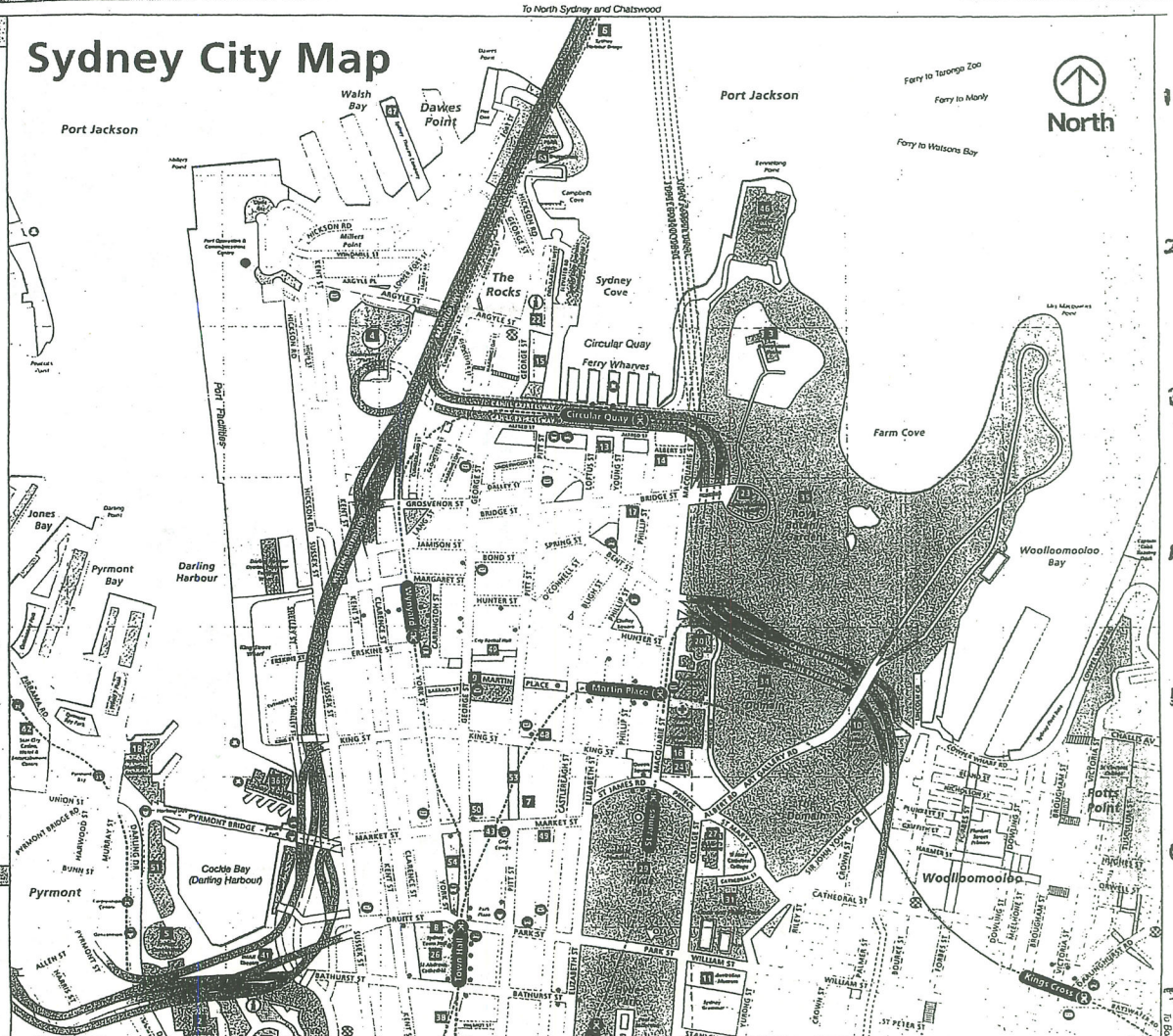
Aboriginal Women's - Wirringa Baiya
(02) 9569 3847

Redfern, 73 Pitt St (02) 9310 7722 **FREECALL** 1800 800 708
Inner City, 66 Oxford St (02) 9332 1966
Kingsford, 11 rainbow st, (02) 9398 6366
Marrickville, 338 Illawarra Rd(02) 9559 2899
Public Interest Advocacy Service, (02) 9299 7833
Womens Legal Services NSW, Lidcombe (02) 9749 5533

THE Legal contact phone number for emergency Legal advice, (you know)

— 0422644363 —

Sydney City Map



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Douglas St D13
Druitt St E6
Dowling St I6
Driver Av I11

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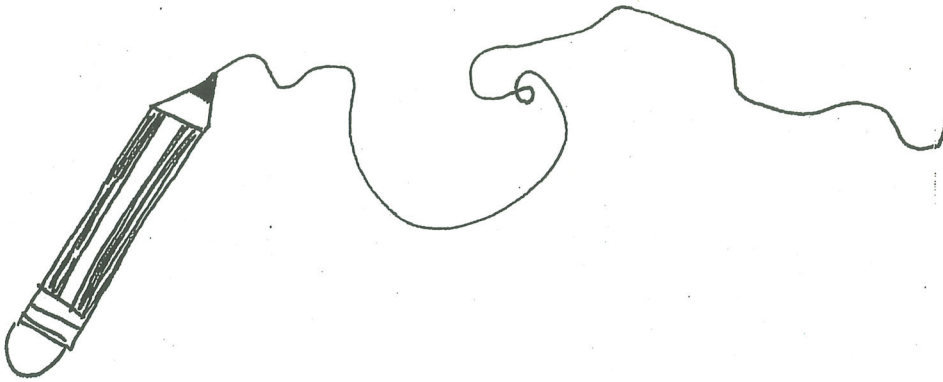

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Notes
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Post Forbes @ the Nunnery

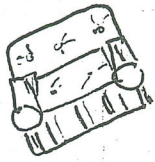
1/9 Forbes Debrief 5:30-7:30 Thursday post action debrief – sharing our experiences of the actions, the lessons learnt and reflection on what it means for what we want to do in the future- (and dinner).

8/9 Forbes actions footage Showing from 6:30 pm. Feel free to BYO footage

Ongoing stuff @ the Nunnery

Couch Action

inspiring and thought provoking movies for social change once a month 6:30- late (second Thursday of the month ie 8/9, 13/10 etc).



NVDA Worskhops

last Saturday of the month (ie 24/9, 29/10 etc).

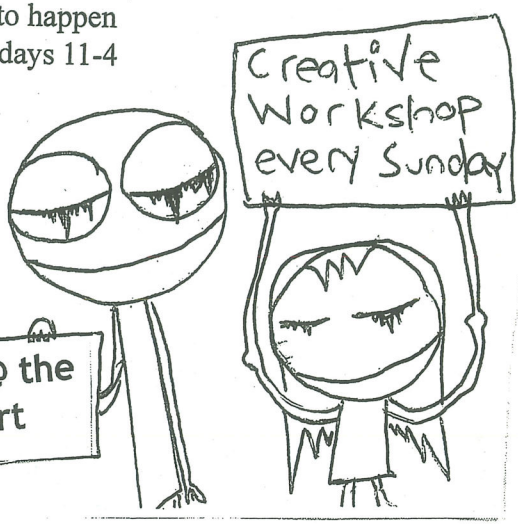
ReCycle Bike Project

a collaborative community and bike building space on Mondays from 2-6pm.

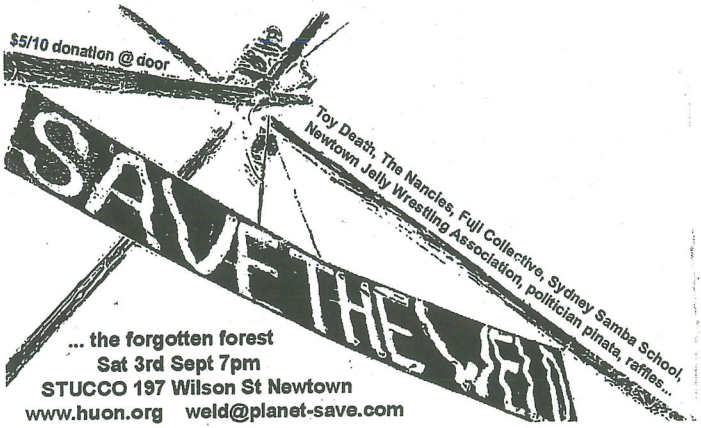
Other fun things in Other fun places:

Community Creative SPace

What has started at STUCCO for forbes fun protesting constructions is going to continue to happen fortnightly on Sundays 11-4 (ie 10/9, 24/9 etc)



Every second Sunday 12-6 Balmain East next to ferry terminal (next one 4/9- check out www.squatspace.com/iceland)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SAVE THE
Toy Death, The Nancies, Full Collective, Sydney Samba School, Newtown Jelly Wrestling Association, politician pinata, raffles...
... the forgotten forest
Sat 3rd Sept 7pm
STUCCO 197 Wilson St Newtown
www.huon.org weld@planet-save.com

G20 in Melbourne - The G20 are meeting in melbourne some time lateish next year (some of the other ones have been in october- so it might be around then). The G-20 is an informal forum which seeks to "promote an open and constructive dialogue between industrial nations and emerging-market countries on key issues relating to the international monetary and financial system and, in the process, to help strengthen the international financial architecture." The G20 argues that it has proved an effective instrument for shaping globalization. The members of the G-20 are the finance ministries and central banks of 19 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi-Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. Another member is the European Union, represented by the Council presidency and the European Central Bank. To ensure that the G-20's activities are closely aligned with those of the Bretton-Woods institutions, the managing director of the IMF and the president of the World Bank, plus the chairpersons of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and Development Committee of the IMF and World Bank, also participate in the talks as ex-officio members. Together the member-countries represent around 90% of global gross national product, 80% of world trade (including EU intra-trade) as well as two-thirds of the world's population.

G20- Sydney planning gathering 24/9/05

24/9 @ the nunnery newtown drop in from 11-6 to meet up with others interested in doing something for it. call 0407668016 for directions

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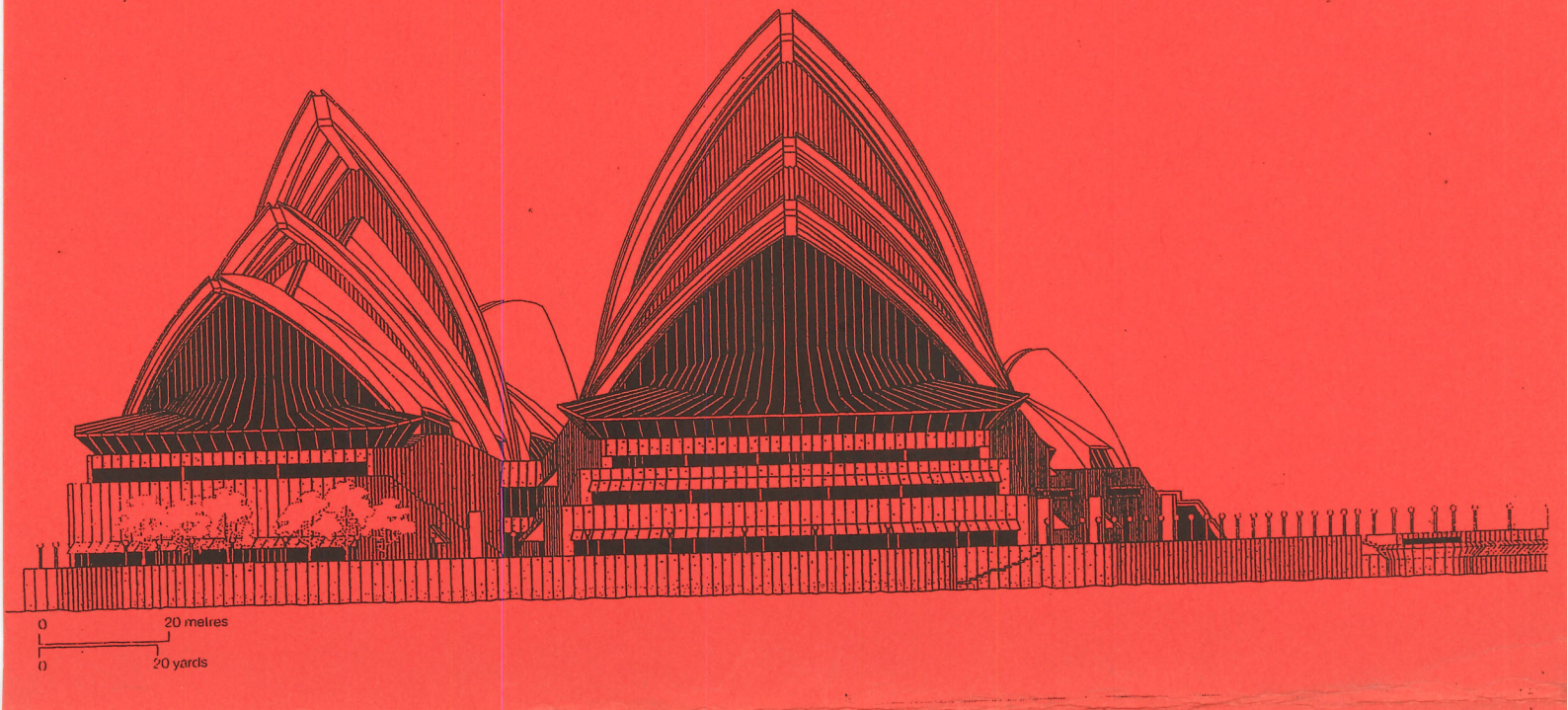
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